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East Troublesome Fire closure modified after completion of assessments

Day use recreation is now permitted in most of the fire footprint.

WALDEN, Colo., July 6, 2021 — Burned area assessment has been completed in the East Troublesome Fire area, allowing the Routt National Forest to adjust an area closure that has been in place since fall of 2020. A dispersed camping closure with additional road closure remains in effect per an adjusted [forest order](#).

The [new closure](#) opens much of the fire footprint to day use and maintains the full closure of NFSR 12 and NFSR 112 and their spurs. Camping is not yet permitted anywhere in the fire footprint. This closure on Routt National Forest managed land was placed in conjunction with a closure on the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests. Information on the adjoining closure can be found [here](#).

“This closure is intended to allow visitors to recreate responsibly in the East Troublesome Fire area,” says Chris Olds, Parks District Ranger. “We are excited for users to have renewed access to a large portion of their public lands, while addressing risks that persist.

“Maintaining a camping closure limits risks to life and safety caused by post fire hazards. We encourage folks to be aware of their surroundings and limiting risks to themselves and others when they enter the fire area, especially during the early summer rainy season.”

The years following a wildfire have an increased risk of hazardous post-fire impacts including flooding and debris flows, erosion and runoff, and the falling of fire-weakened hazard trees.

Those living and recreating in any fire area should be aware that post-fire flooding may occur after a heavy rain. Be sure to check the weather forecast before heading out. County Emergency Management information, weather, and hazard mitigation tips are available on our [Post-Fire Hazards webpage](#).

The East Troublesome Fire began on October 14, 2020 and burned 193,812 acres of federal, state, and private lands. Impacted areas included the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, Bureau of Land Management, Rocky Mountain National Park, and privately owned structures. The fire was declared contained on November 30, 2020.

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